

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 3110.22US02

Stephen Hochschuler

Confirmation No.: 7691

Application No.: 10/804,761

Examiner: Araj, Michael J.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A VERTEBRAL BODY

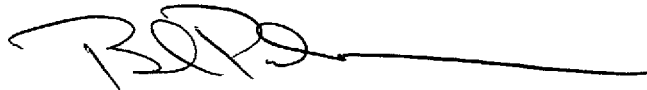
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of two (2) month(s) (from October 13, 2007, to December 13, 2007) within which to respond to the Office Action dated July 13, 2007, is requested. Applicant is entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 the \$230.00 extension fee and any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.